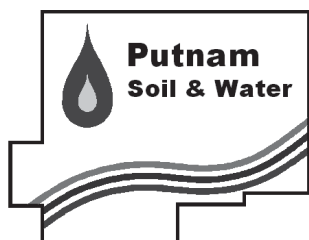


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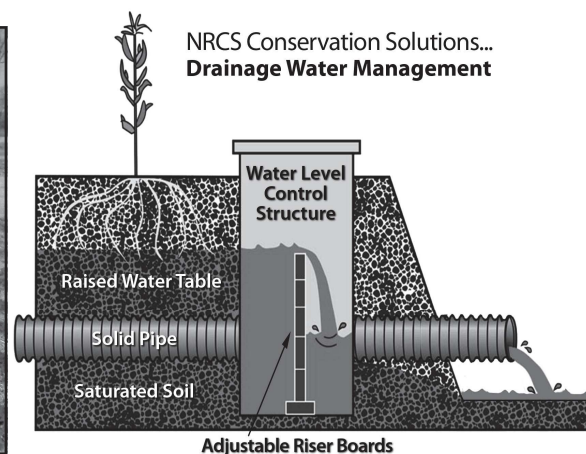
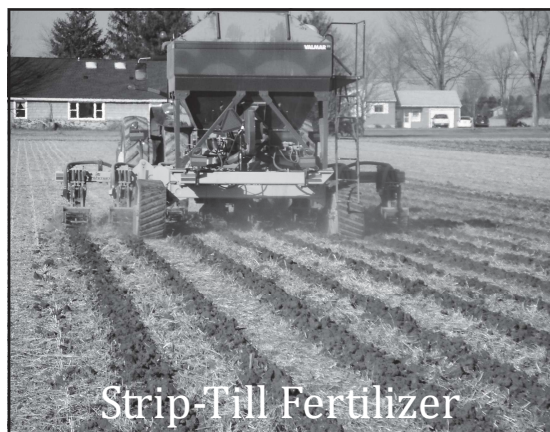
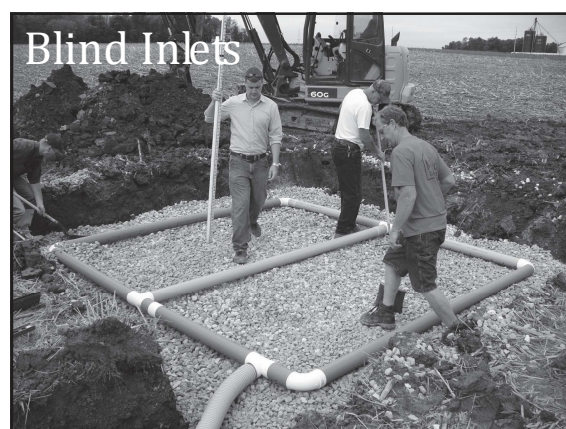
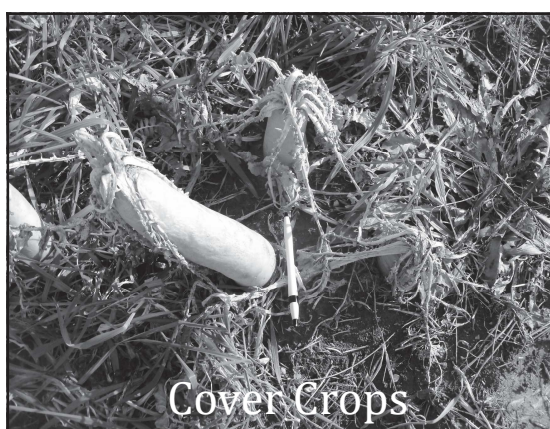
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****REMINDER****

Our Annual Tree Sale will be going on Spring 2015. You can order your trees at the office or by calling 419-523-5159. Order forms will be sent out in January's newsletter.

Conservation Conversation



5th Grade Conservation Tour

Local 5th Grade students from all the county schools participated in this year's conservation tour. We had a total of 489 students. The event was located at Dan Ellerbrock's Dairy Farm and the Ottawa Memorial Park.

Stops included Wildlife, Forestry, Birds of Prey, Barn Tour, Tillage, Soils, Stream Table, 4-H, Recycling, and Edible Bugs.



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Annual Meeting Awards

Conservation Farmer-of-the-Year



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Conservation Leader Award



Tim Macke

Award presented by:
Travis Jerwers, Putnam County Commissioner

Ohio Clean Lakes Initiative

~Information & Facts gathered from ODA & Ohio EPA~

Nutrient pollution is caused by too much nitrogen and phosphorus in water. Nutrients are chemical elements that all living organisms, plants and animals, need to grow. When too much nitrogen and phosphorus enter the environment, usually from a wide range of human activities, the water can become polluted. The primary sources of nutrient pollution are runoff of fertilizers, animal manure, sewage treatment plant discharges, stormwater runoff, car and power plant emissions, and failing septic tanks.

Water pollution caused by excessive amounts of nutrients is quite evident in Ohio's many lakes, rivers, and streams. Approximately 48% of Ohio's watersheds are degraded by nutrient loading from phosphorus and nitrogen. Conditions in Ohio's surface waters have reached a critical situation.

A multi-faceted, multi-year approach to reduce the discharge and runoff of nutrients is vital to protect public health, the environment and our valuable water resources. Ohio's approach uses both broad and targeted projects and partnerships on the local, state, and national and international levels. Some of these are highlighted in Best Management Practices (BMP's). There is a variety of different practices urban and rural areas can do to help reduce the runoff of nutrients. On the front page of this newsletter we pictured 4 BMP's that are common and cost effective in Putnam County.

If you would like more information about cover crops, blind inlets, strip-till fertilizer, water control structures, or any of the other best management practices contact the SWCD office (419-523-5159) or NRCS office (419-523-4871).

Steve Liebrecht & Dennis Vennekotter Re-Elected to Putnam SWCD Board



At our Annual Meeting held on September 3rd, Steve Liebrecht & Dennis Vennekotter were re-elected to the Putnam Soil and Water Board of Supervisors. Their new term will commence on January 1, 2015 for three years.

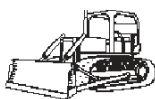
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